| UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK | X | |
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| CAZE D. THOMAS, | : : | |
| Plaintiff | : : | 24-CV-2222 (VSB) |
| -against- UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP and JUSTIN BIEBER, | : : : | <u>ORDER</u> |
| Defendants | : . : | |

VERNON S. BRODERICK, United States District Judge:

This is a copyright infringement action filed by pro se Plaintiff Caze D. Thomas involving two consolidated cases: Case No. 23-CV-10013 and Case No. 24-CV-2222. (*See* Doc. 5.)¹

On August 23, 2024, Plaintiff filed a notice of voluntary dismissal and listed Case No. 23-CV-10013 as the case that is being voluntarily dismissed. (Case No. 23-CV-10013, Doc. 26.) On September 12, 2024, Defendants in that case submitted a letter requesting that the dismissal be "with prejudice pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(B)." (Case No. 23-CV-10013, Doc. 27 at 1.) On November 21, 2024, I issued an Opinion & Order denying those Defendants' request because a notice of dismissal under Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i) does not require any court action. (Case No. 23-CV-10013, Doc. 28.) In that Opinion & Order, I respectfully directed the Clerk of Court to close only case No. 23-CV-10013. (*Id.* at 5.)

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all record citations refer to case No. 24-CV-2222.

This action, Case No. 24-CV-2222, is still active. There is no indication that Plaintiff here also voluntarily dismissed this case. Defendants have not answered or otherwise responded

to this complaint. Plaintiff, however, has taken no action to prosecute this case.

Accordingly, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the parties meet and confer to discuss a briefing schedule for

Defendants' answer, motion to dismiss, or other response to the complaint. The parties are to

submit a joint letter to the Court on or before January 10, 2025 providing a status update and/or

briefing schedule.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to mail a copy of this order to the pro se

Plaintiff.

SO ORDERED.

Dated:

December 11, 2024

New York, New York

Vernon S. Broderick

United States District Judge

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